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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

- 1. (Original) An educational aid comprising:
- a support having a surface; and
- a plurality of gaming groups disposed on said surface,
  each of said gaming groups comprising at least two gaming zones,
  each gaming zone comprising a symbol component and a base colour component,
  the gaming zones of each gaming group having the same base colour component,
  the gaming zones of each gaming group having different symbol components.
- 2. (Original) An educational aid as described in claim 1, wherein each of said gaming groups comprises a pair of gaming zones.
- 3. (Currently Amended) An educational aid as described in claim 1 or 2, wherein each of said gaming zones comprises an additional colour component.
- 4. (Original) An educational aid as described in claim 3, wherein each of said symbol components is sandwiched between a respective base colour component and a respective additional colour component.
- 5. (Currently Amended) An educational aid as described in claim 3 or 4 wherein for each gaming zone said base colour component and said additional colour component are disposed in a predetermined colour sequence, and the gaming zones of each gaming group have the same colour sequence, the predetermined colour sequence of each gaming group being unique.
- 6. (Currently Amended) An educational aid as described in claim 1, 2, 3, 4, er 5 wherein said gaming zones are disposed around the periphery of a central area.

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7. (Original) An educational aid as described in claim 6, wherein said central area is substantially circular.

8. (Original) An educational aid kit comprising:

at least two supports each having a surface; and

a plurality of gaming zones each disposed on a respective surface,

a plurality of gaming groups, each comprising at least two of said gaming

zones;

each gaming zone comprising a symbol component and a base colour component,

the gaming zones of each gaming group having the same base colour component,

the gaming zones of each gaming group having different symbol components.

- 9. (New) An educational aid as described in claim 1wherein said gaming zones are disposed around the periphery of a central area.
- 10. (New) An educational aid as described in claim 9, wherein said central area is substantially circular.
- 11. (New) An educational aid as described in claim 2 wherein each of said gaming zones comprises an additional colour component.
- 12. (New) An educational aid as described in claim 11, wherein each of said symbol components is sandwiched between a respective base colour component and a respective additional colour component.
- 13. (New) An educational aid as described in claim 12 wherein for each gaming zone said base colour component and said additional colour component are disposed in a predetermined colour sequence, and the gaming zones of each gaming group have

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the same colour sequence, the predetermined colour sequence of each gaming group being unique.

- 14. (New) An educational aid as described in claim 13 wherein said gaming zones are disposed around the periphery of a central area.
- 15. (New) An educational aid as described in claim 14, wherein said central area is substantially circular.
- 16. (New) An educational aid as described in claim 3 wherein for each gaming zone said base colour component and said additional colour component are disposed in a predetermined colour sequence, and the gaming zones of each gaming group have the same colour sequence, the predetermined colour sequence of each gaming group being unique.
- 17. (New) An educational aid as described in claim 16 wherein said gaming zones are disposed around the periphery of a central area.
- 18. (New) An educational aid as described in claim 17, wherein said central area is substantially circular.
- 19. (New) An educational aid as described in claim 11 wherein for each gaming zone said base colour component and said additional colour component are disposed in a predetermined colour sequence, and the gaming zones of each gaming group have the same colour sequence, the predetermined colour sequence of each gaming group being unique.
- 20. (New) An educational aid as described in claim 19 wherein said gaming zones are disposed around the periphery of a central area.
- 21. (New) An educational aid as described in claim 20 wherein said central area is substantially circular.